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Please see the attached documents in response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2006 for the above referenced patent application.

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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on March 13, 2006. The Examiner issued the Office Action examining claims 1-22 of the priority international application PCT/US2004/018413. However, at the national stage filing on February 10, 2005, the Applicants filed the Preliminary Amendments comprising claims 1-17 for examination, which were transmitted to the USPTO along with other documents requested for filing.

Attached hereto please find the copy of the Return Receipt Postcard listing "Preliminary Amendments" as a part of Enclosures, as well as the copy of submitted Preliminary Amendments.

The Applicants respectfully request to withdraw the Office Action of March 13, 2006 and issue the new Office Action based on the examination of claims 1-17.

Respectfully submitted,



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